Resolution No 114

WHEREAS, in the Spring of 2007, the Community Renewal and Development, Inc. decided that an event, to be called the "1st Annual Community Development Carnival", was warranted to "Celebrate the History and Revitalization of the 5th Ward"; and

WHEREAS, a historic committee was later formed by CRD including membership from the North Grand Neighborhood Services, COVAM, CAMCO, Better Family Life, St. Louis Crisis Nursery, World Impact, CHIPS, The Youth and Family Center, Old North St. Louis Restoration Group, Regional Housing and Community Development Alliance, City of St. Louis, and St. Louis Mennonite Peace Center Agencies; and

WHEREAS, this steering committee worked diligently to provide an experience for the 5th Ward residents and stakeholders that will include complimentary rides, games, entertainment, food and critical service provider information; and

WHEREAS, Commerce Bank under the leadership of Loura Gilbert established itself as a "Platinum" level sponsor of the event realizing its importance to the 5th Ward residents and stakeholders.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis, meeting in regular session, that we recognize Commerce Bank as a friend and contributor to the 5th Ward in its continued revitalization and restoration; and we direct the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of this proceeding and to prepare a commemorative copy to be presented to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 21st day of August, 2007 by;

Honorable April Ford-Griffin, Alderwoman 5th Ward

Adopted this 21st day of August, 2007 as attested by: